4TH SENATE DISTRICT

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE





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Week of Jan. 2-Jan. 7, 2012



COMMUNITY ALERT

Milwaukee County Voter ID Event for Seniors

Wednesday, Jan. 11 8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Italian Conference Center 631 East Chicago St.

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

Breakfast from 8-9 a.m.

Dear Friend,

Thank you for reading the legislative update. I hope you find the information provided here useful.

As Always I'm Here to Serve!



Senator Taylor Authors Veterans Bill for State Hiring



On Wednesday, I testified before the Senate Committee on Economic Development and Veterans and Military Affair, of which I am a member, in favor of Senate Bill 312.

The bill expands current law to allow members of the Reserves and National Guard to claim veterans' preference after successfully completing their contracts with the military.

Members of the Reserves and the

National Guard have been called into combat and conflict and areas in recent history. For the purpose of equity, they should receive the same civil service preference points afforded to those enlisted in active duty. Serving in the Reserves and National Guard is, for many Wisconsinites, one of the possible routes to financial aid for college, and college graduates seek employment. With this bill, servicemen and servicewomen can receive some additional support in that regard.

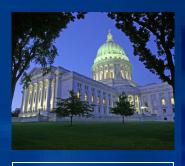
SB 312 has received bipartisan support, and I am hopeful that that support will propel it to passage in the Legislature. I will keep you informed of the bill's progress.

Senator Taylor Supports Weddle Appointment to WHEDA Board



I wholeheartedly support and praise the appointment of McArthur "Mac" Weddle to the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Authority (WHEDA). Mr. Weddle is the Executive Director of the Northcott Neighborhood House in Milwaukee, and has dedicated his career to serving community organizations throughout the city, including leading the annual Milwaukee Juneteenth Festival.

Mac Weddle will now be brining his expertise to the state level, and I have no doubt that he will do so with the same level of commitment and enthusiasm that he has given to Milwaukee.



Family Free Day Sat., Jan. 7 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Milwaukee County Zoo 10001 W. Bluemound Rd.

GED/HSED Orientation Sessions

Jan. 10-11

4041 N. Richards Street
Milwaukee County residents who are looking to
earn their high school
diploma or GED should
attend an orientation
session.

Contact the Social Development Commission at (414) 906-2700 for more information.

Changes to Milwaukee County Transit in 2012

On January 29, 2012, Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS) will introduce MetroEXpress, a new bus service, and will implement route changes. A few of the changes are as follows:

- (1) Three (3) new routes called MetroEXpress: RedLine (Capitol Drive), GreenLine (Bayshore-Airport) and BlueLine (Fond du Lac-National)
- (2) Two (2) new routes—Route 56 (Greenfield Avenue) and Route 52 (Clement-15th)
- (3) Routes 15, 23 and 62 will have major routing changes
- (4) Routes 15, 54 and 63 will be extended
- (5) Service on Routes 11, 18 and 68 will be replaced by service on other routes For further information on routes, schedules, and fares, contact MCTS at (414) 334-6711.

City of Milwaukee Seeks Fire Cadets

The Milwaukee Fire and Police Commission is accepting applications for full-time fire cadets. Applicants must be 17-19 years of age and must have graduated from high school prior to August 1, 2012 with a 2.0 cumulative GPA. You must also reside in the City of Milwaukee within 6 months of hire. Fire Cadet positions are full-time and salaried, and could lead to a career as a firefighter with the City of Milwaukee Fire Department. The deadline for submitting appli-

cations is February 24, 2012.

This is a wonderful opportunity, and I strongly encourage all those who are eligible to apply. In addition to earning a salary, you will also be able to earn college credit and receive tuition and textbook reimbursement.

For more information, visit http://city.milwaukee.gov/jobs/FireCadet.

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Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence.

Helen Keller





I can accept failure. Everyone fails at something. But I can't accept not trying.

Michael Jordan